A NEW DIALOGUE BETWEEN Mr. Woodbee a Lawyer, AND Mr. Shatterwit his Clyent. Concerning the Times.

Shatter-wit. PRay Mr. *Wood-bee*, what News do you hear from *London* now all the Intelligences are put down, methinks we are as ſtill as a Sow in Beans?

Wood-bee. *And ſo I think we ſhould ever be, if every body would mind no more then their own buſineſs; what ſhould Country-men, or People not concerned in the Government, meddle any farther; I think its beſt for every body not to act beyond their own Station, witneſs Mr.* Smith.

Shat. What *Smith* is that you named juſt now;

Wood. *Why its one* F. Smith *a* Book-ſeller *in* London, *I hear he is ſent to* Newgate *for ſpeaking Treaſonable Words.*

Shat. Ods Bodikins, i'le not ſpeak, nor Act any Treaſon, if one muſt have a Stone Doublet on ones back for it.

Wood. *I think all men deſerves it, that ſhall preſume to meddle with the Government or State Affairs, when it's none of their buſineſs to be concerned in it; thoſe that be at the Helm knows how to Rule without them.*

Shat. Well, but a little Diſcourſe of this nature between you and I will not hurt any body, or reflect on the Government, for I wiſh it well, and that our King might Live for ever; but I fear ſome of thoſe ill Fellows that come from *Rome*, will do us a miſchief if they can.

Wood. *Never fear old Boy, i'le warrant thee His Majeſty and the Council will take Care enough of the Main Chance, to ſecure us from all their Attempts.*

Shat. Do not doubt but they will, as much as in them doth lye, but thoſe *Romiſh* Fellows are ſo cunning and Subtile to carry on a Deſign which they once take in hand, that unleſs ſome of their own party ſhould tell Tales, we ſhall never diſcover them.

Wood. *You ſeem to diſtruſt Providence, is it not written, that* whatſoever wicked deſign is done in Secret, ſhall be proclaimed on the Houſe top; *and you ſee that it has been verified already in the late Diſcovery of the* Popiſh-Plot; *why then ſhould we be troubled, let us go to Church and ſay our Prayers heartily, and keep a good Conſcience, and we ſhall not be troubled with fears and Jealouſies.*

Shatter. I never thought a Lawyer could Preach before, eſpecially upon the Text of a good Conſcience, ſaying of Prayers, and going to Church; give me leave to tell you that it is not the way to get money by Law, for either you muſt leave a little of the good Conſcience, ſaying of Prayers, and going to Church, or leave the Caneribevid practice of the Law, which laſt they ſay, moſt money is to be got by.

Wood. *You run upon Reflections in your diſcourſe, and do not keep cloſe to what we were treating of, but your Reflections is like your Name, and ſo I am ſatisfied.*

Shat. I beg your pardon, I meant no hurt, but only Joking, therefore I hope you will not take it ill; but give me leave to ask you one Queſtion more.

Wood. *Ay, with all my heart, twenty if you pleaſe.*

Shat.

Shat. When do you think we shall have another *Diat* call'd, as they *term* it in *Germany?*

Wood. *I believe when the weather is a little Cooler, for if they should have continued together all this Summer, 'tis to be feared it would have bred such ill Humours in some people, that others would have gone in fear of their lives of them, and besides there was like to be nothing but Jarring and Fudes amongst them, which at last might have come to a Confusion or Rupture, through the sulphrousness of the Air, occasioned by so many hot breaths in a little place, so that when the Frost comes to Purge the Air, it may the Humours of men so for all that I know.*

Shat. I'faith you have given me the best satisfaction I ever had yet, our Neighbours understand no more the reason of things done then a Goose, I am glad I met with you, for I should never understand any thing if I always stay'd at home.

Wood. *I hear His Majesty has put forth his Declaration, giving the reasons why He Dissolved the two last Parliaments, I have not seen it as yet, but I hear it is Published in some Parish Churches, and that it is to be in all the Parish Churches in* England; *And he does there take notice, that their Proceedings were like those of Forty-One, and that their Addresses were more like Remontrances then Addresses, you will see it all at large shortly.*

Shat. Uds me, was it so, then His Majesty was very plain with them.

Wood. *He said further, That instead of Supplies for* Tangier, *and for Naval preparations, and to support his Alliances, and the better to enable him to protect his Subjects at home, he had nothing else but their Votes forbidding every body to lend him Money upon his Revenue.*

Shat. Bless me! did His Majesty say so?

Wood. *And much more, but that I cannot remember it.*

Shat. In my opinion they did very ill, in not giving the King a good Sum of Money to strengthen *Tangier*, for I have been told, if we should lose that Town, and that it should afterwards fall into the *French* hands, they would Guard us from East to West, and if a rupture should happen between us and them, we shall not have the Merchants Ships go to Sea without being taken; and it would be almost as bad in the *Moors* hands, witness *Argiers* and *Trippoly*: then how is it possible His Majesty should assist his Allies, and make his Naval preparations for our security without it.

Wood. *Why he is resolv'd to pinch himself, rather then let his people suffer: A Peace is making with the* Moors *at* Tangier, *for four Years, and other Provisions are making, and assurances from his Majesty to his Allies, for their Security as well as ours, so that we need not doubt our Protection, if God be for us, we need not care who is against us: Therefore let us not trouble our selves, or doubt our security at home or abroad, for the King has declared, he will Govern by the Laws of the Land, and not make use of any* Arbitrary *ways or means to Govern it by.*

Shat. As I hope to be Knighted our King is a brave Gracious good Prince, for the good of his Subjects, i'le swear I would give him half what I have in the world to do him *good*; I fear that's more then many of his Subjects will do.

Wood. *You will never give off your reflections till you are taken into* Salvo Custodia, *or* Smiths *Castle; for I will tell you, two or three words more strained a little higher, would make it* Scandalum Magnatum, *and what do you think would become of you then?*

Shat. Not Hanged I hope.

Wood. *You were as good be Hang'd as to be Fin'd more then you are worth, and so by Consequence not able to pay it, but forc'd to lye in Goal all days of your life for Non-payment.*

Shat. I thank you good Mr. *Woodbee* for your Law Terms and Information, I must confess I might have run my self into an Iron Cage before I was aware of it, being not acquainted with the Law and Law-terms as you are, then I should have brought my Hogs to a bad Market indeed before I was aware; Upon my Conscience I thought no hurt in speaking so not I, but I am glad I am in a Learned mans company, or else my *Shatterwit* would have gone a Wool-gathering.

Wood. *You are well enough at Peace and quietness, if you are not too much an* Englishman, *not to know when you are so, but take advice from me that am your Friend, that is, have a care what Company you keep, and bridle your own Tongue, and do what you can to Curb others, by giving of them such seasonable advice as I give you; for the Tongue is an unruly Member, and where ever you hear it Lanch beyond its bounds, Check it, for many a one for talking and doing too much, are forc'd to accept of a Tripple Tree for their pains.*

Shat. I hope these Instructions will bring my Wits together, so that I shall endeavour not to be Guilty of any of those things you name, but live contented with my Soveraigns Government, and if I do hear of any body that spake, act, or commit either of these Offences you have named, I will tell them what you say their Reward shall be, if not a Fine a Tripple Tree.

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